

**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES  
STATE INSTITUTIONAL SYSTEM BOARD**

Mid-South Health Systems, Inc.  
2707 Browns Lane  
Jonesboro, Arkansas

Thursday, April 12, 2007

Members Present: Bonnie Coates, Chairman  
Micheal Burden, Vice Chairman  
Mark Tripp, Secretary  
Stephen Foti  
Carlton Jones

DHHS Staff Present: Rich Rosen, Attorney, DHHS Office of Chief Counsel  
Jay Bradford, Director, Division of Behavioral Health Services  
Greg Rivet, Interim Director, Division of Youth Services  
Doyle Young, Program Administrator, Division of Youth Services  
Charles Smith, Division of Behavioral Health Services  
Liz Ganahl, Administrative Assistant, Division of Youth Services

Guest: Bonnie White, Director, Mid South Health Systems  
Steve Johnson, Mid South Health Systems  
Brad Halloway, Mid South Health Systems

Chairman Bonnie Coates called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM JANUARY 11, 2007 MEETING AND JANUARY 22,  
2007 CONFERENCE CALL

**Mr. Carlton Jones made a motion for the minutes of the January 11, 2007 meeting and the January 22, 2007 conference call be approved as distributed. Mr. Stephen Foti seconded the motion. Motion was passed.**

DIVISION OF BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SERVICES REPORT

The Division of Behavioral Health Services Quarterly report had been previously distributed and is attached to the meeting minutes.

Mr. Charles Smith, Arkansas State Hospital, Division of Behavioral Health Systems, presented the report for DBHS. Mr. Ed Hood could not attend the meeting.

### Arkansas State Hospital

Mr. Charles Smith referred to the DBHS quarterly report handout and stated the hospital is actually 30% complete and on track. The brick work is 70% complete and is looking good. Mr. Smith felt due to the dry season this year, the construction of the new hospital has been able to stay on schedule. Mr. Smith stated the plaster work on the adolescent unit will begin in early May. Mr. Smith said the finish on the outside wall was one of the issues with the hospital but additional money was obtained from the department to put a plaster finish over the cinder blocks on the outside of the building. Mr. Smith stated the metal roof installation continues with the concentration being on the south and west side of the building. Mr. Smith reported the mold remediation project was complete.

Mr. Smith stated the other major project was a joint commission requirement for suicide resistant bathroom fixtures. It includes a different type of shower head and valves, grab bars that don't have a gap between the bars and the wall and a shield that goes under the sink which completely covers the plumbing and does not allow access to the pipes. Mr. Smith stated there is a nationwide problem with these specific items.

Mr. Smith said they are in the process of correcting the fire doors rating labels which have worn off with time. The doors must be x-rayed to certify they are fire rated doors.

Mr. Smith stated a vehicle that was totaled in an accident has been replaced and assigned to the Act 911 Conditional Release Program.

Mr. Smith commented the mowing on the steep hills made as a result of the construction will be a problem. He said DBHS only has to maintain them until UAMS takes over the new hospital.

Mr. Smith said the new Central Energy Plant is 65% complete and hope to have it online by the end of 2007.

Mr. Rich Rosen reported the easement and access was granted to the substation. Mr. Rosen stated DHHS does not have access to the easement because it's exclusive and felt ultimately DHHS would like to give the property to the substation but nothing has been done at this time.

### Arkansas Health Center

Mr. Smith continued to report on the Arkansas Health Center (AHC). He stated thieves have stolen a large amount of copper wire from the pump station. The pump station has been vandalized before but AHC was able to armor plate and secure the pumps to prevent future vandalism. Mr. Smith felt the high price being paid for salvage copper is one reason for the vandalism. He stated the pump station is located at the end of an isolated rural road, out of the city limits and the sheriff's department doesn't have enough manpower to patrol it very often. Mr. Smith said the road to the pump station is a public road and the local land owners do not want a fence on the road. Mr. Carlton Jones suggested putting in a burglar alarm that would

notify every office in the sheriff's department of illegal entries. The situation is still under discussions.

Mr. Jay Bradford reported the Birch Tree, Inc. Project has decided to build on other land across from AHC due to the porous soil.

Arkansas Services Center – Jonesboro

Mr. Rich Rosen reported on the two (2) issues regarding the piece of property in question. Ownership within the year and a long term lease agreement with DBHS. ASU has terminated the lease and filed a notice of termination in the land records. OCC filed an objection of termination. Mr. Rosen stated OCC does have a meeting with the ASU attorney at the end of the month to discuss preliminary matters.

**Mr. Steven Foti made a motion to accept the DBHS report. Mr. Carlton Jones seconded the motion. The motion was passed.**

DIVISION OF YOUTH SERVICES REPORT

The Division of Youth Services (DYS) report had been previously distributed to the Board and is attached to the minutes.

Mr. Doyle Young reported DYS has changed the procedure to obtain architectural and engineering contracts. Mr. Young stated there has been a lot of controversial press concerning the procedure, particularly with the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville. The Office of State Purchasing has clamped down on the procedure. Mr. Young said in the last six (6) months, DYS needed to reengineer the fire protection system at the Mansfield Juvenile Treatment Center (MJTC) and he was told the state does not have an on-call architect anymore except for very small projects. DYS had a four (4) member Pre-Selection and Final Interview Committee to select an architect engineering firm. After the final interviews, Taggart, Foster, Currence and Gray Architects, Inc. (Taggart) was selected for various projects located at the nine (9) DYS facilities. Taggart immediately replaced part of the fire suppressant system at MJTC by putting in a new pump in the lake to provide water to hydrants throughout the facility. With the increased water pressure, when it was turned on, the pressure was too high and blew out the lines between the pump and the hydrants. Now all of the pipes must be replaced at a cost of \$300,000 - \$500,000. The Mansfield Fire Department will allow DYS one (1) year to correct the problem

Mr. Young continued to report the sewer lift station at the Dermott Intensive Treatment Unit (DITU) continues to malfunction and requires being lowered by two (2) feet. DYS is in the process of getting new bids for the project because the first bids were too high. Mr. Young stated DYS is hoping to complete the work by May 2007. A new replacement pump was installed in the existing pump station.

Mr. Carlton Jones expressed his concerns over the number of times the pump and other items have been replaced. Mr. Young said DYS has hired a professional engineer with a license and insurance to cover any problems.

Mr. Greg Rivet stated DYS has received an improvement appropriation by Senator Madison for state funding of \$15,000,000 to renovate the Alexander Juvenile Correctional Facility and other DYS facilities. Mr. Rivet will update the SIS Board if Senate Bill 587 is passed.

Mr. Rivet suggested reviewing the DYS Taskforce Committee packets presented to the Board with the following enclosures:

- DYS Taskforce Goals
- DYS Taskforce Committee List
- DYS Taskforce Subcommittees List
- DYS Taskforce Meeting Schedules
- State Map of DYS Facilities
- Profile of Youth in Secure Care and Aftercare
- Appropriation Senate Bill #587

Mr. Rivet said at the January meeting, he had presented the KMD report of the Facilities Master Plan. He said the next step is to go through the plan and come up with ways to implement the plan. Mr. Rivet stated SIS Board members Ms. Trudi Ramsey and Ms. Clara Ferron agreed to participate on the DYS Taskforce Committee. Mr. Rivet said DYS would be seeking input through the Taskforce on the best utilization of the state funded resources in cooperation with the SIS Board for approval. Mr. Rivet said the DYS Committee was looking at overall improvement for juvenile justice as well as facilities, conditions of confinement, program integrity and continuous improvement. Mr. Rivet said he would like the SIS Board involvement as the DYS Taskforce moves forward.

**Mr. Steven Foti made a motion to accept the Division of Youth Services report. Mr. Micheal Burden seconded the motion. Motion passed.**

#### NEW BUSINESS

Chair Bonnie Coates thanked Stephen Foti for all of his hard work with the bill that almost went through concerning the Ray Winder Field. Ms. Coates stated Mr. Foti spent a lot of time on the committee and a great deal of effort to keep the SIS Board apprised of what was going on.

Mr. Rich Rosen reported on the lease renewal between DHHS and Craighead County Special Education Co-op at the Arkansas Services Center. Mr. Rosen said the lease includes four (4) classrooms at the ASC. DBHS has been leasing these classrooms to the co-op. The lease is up June 30, 2007 and DBHS would like the SIS Board to approve the renewal. Mr. Rosen stated the lease is a yearly lease and brings in \$6,500 per year. Mr. Rosen said the Arkansas Building Authority was handling the negotiations for the lease.

**Mr. Micheal Burden made a motion to approve the lease renewal. Mr. Stephen Foti seconded the motion. Motion was passed.**

Rich Rosen reported on the lease agreement between DHHS/Division of Youth Services, Alexander Juvenile Correctional Facility and G4S Youth Services, LLC. Mr. Rosen stated G4S Youth Services, LLC, is a new management company running the facility and as part of the deal, G4S also leases the premises. Mr. Rosen said the lease was never signed because it was submitted to the Chair by another attorney in the DHHS office and it was right after the last SIS meeting and she did not feel it was an emergency to call a special meeting. Mr. Rosen stated it was a lease agreement for the premises and it is from January 21, 2007 through June 30, 2007. After that time it can be renewed for one (1) year if approved. Mr. Rosen felt the approval of the lease is pro-forma but it is necessary. Mr. Rosen said if the Board approves the six (6) month lease in question, they would also approve the next year's renewal lease in advance, should DYS decide to renew the lease. Mr. Rosen explained G4S took over the running of Alexander due to the sudden dismissal of the Cornell Companies, Inc. Mr. Rosen explained the reason for a lease, while the state owns the property; the contract vendor maintains general upkeep of the buildings and the grounds. Mr. Rosen stated the next full year's lease will be subject to negotiations.

Mr. Greg Rivet said any structural changes have to be approved by DYS and the Board. Mr. Rivet stated the vendor could not construct a new building without prior approval. Mr. Rivet continued to list the improvements G4S have made, starting with the programs and the children's treatment. G4S have also painted most of the buildings on the insides, done a thorough cleaning of all the buildings, specifically the cafeteria, and replaced tiles. Mr. Rivet said they have allowed the children to have a small personalized space in which to hang photos, cards, etc. Mr. Rivet said as part of G4S' vocational educational program, they have children helping with upgrading the landscaping and have taken the position of improving the environment of the facility that was neglected by the previous contract vender.

Mr. Stephen Foti requested a report from DYS to be presented at the January 2007 meeting, to give an update of G4S' progress. Mr. Micheal Burden felt G4S should be aware of what was expected of them.

**Mr. Micheal Burden made a motion to approve the lease with an automatic renewal of one year. Mr. Mark Tripp seconded the motion. Motion was passed.**

**OLD BUSINESS**

Mr. Rich Rosen reported an issue concerning the substation for the new hospital. Mr. Rosen said originally there was the Memorandum of Understanding between UAMS and DHHS with the regards to the substation and DHHS was going to convey it to them. DHHS was going to get money from UAMS in exchange. Mr. Rosen stated DHHS needs to make an amendment to the Memorandum of Understanding stating DHHS was going to make it an easement to Entergy, not UAMS, and in exchange UAMS was still going to give DHHS the money. All parties agreed to the amendment and all papers were signed but UAMS said they never received the agreement by

mail. Mr. Rosen asked the Chair to resign the agreement and DHHS will hand carry it to UAMS.

Mr. Rosen also asked Chair Bonnie Coates to sign the original four (4) copies of the lease agreement with DHHS and G4S concerning the Alexander Juvenile Correctional Facility.

Mr. Steven Foti, on behalf of the SIS Board, thanked Ms. Bonnie White, Mr. Steve Johnson and staff of Mid-South Health Systems, for their gracious hospitality.

#### NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held July 12, 2007, at the Alexander Juvenile Correctional Facility in Alexander, Arkansas.

**Mr. Micheal Burden made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Mark Tripp seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 pm.**

Respectfully Submitted:

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Mark Tripp, Secretary